Farm Placement

TABLE 1

Estimate [a] of Employment of Women and Minors in California Agriculture by month, 1950-June, 1951

Month	Women	Boys (under 18)	Girls (under 18)
1950			
January	27,000	11,000	4,000
February	23,000	9,000	3,000
March	20,000	8,000	3,000
April	22,000	9,000	3,000
May	30,000	11,000	4,000
June	37,000	14,000	5,000
July	39,000	21,000	12,000
August	38,000	20,000	10,000
September	49,000	24,000	10,000
October	53,000	19,000	9,000
November	39,000	15,000	7,000
December	32,000	13,000	5,000
1951			
January	27,000	11,000	4,000
February	24,000	9,000	3,000
March	21,000	7,000	3,000
April	22,000	8,000	3,000
May	31,000	11,000	4,000
June	39,000	13,000	6,000

[a] Estimates by the California Department of Employment, California Weekly Farm Labor Report, DE 881. The breakdown by sex was discontinued in June 1951. Estimates do not include farm employment in a few sparsely settled counties.

TABLE 2A

Prune Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c(P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
San Benito	8/27-9/15	2,000	9/15	$.90-1.00/hr. $9-$11/ton	9/17	$9/ton(pick only) $10/ton(shake & pick)
Santa Clara	8/20-9/22	13,500	9/15	$1.00-1.25/hr. $10-12/ton	9/21	$10/ton 25¢/50# box
Napa	8/20-9/15	3,300	9/15	$.90-1.00/hr 25¢-34¢/50# Box $10-12/ton	8/27	30¢/50# bx.(pick only) 30-34¢/50# bx. (shake & pick) $10-12/ton(shake & pick) $.90-1.00/ton (shake & pick)
Sonoma	8/27-9/22	3,000	9/15	$.85-1.00/hr. 20¢-25¢/box	9/17	25¢/50# Box (pick only) 30¢/50# bx. (shake & pick) $1.00/hr.(shake, truss,stack, scrape or spread trays)
Colusa	8/27-9/15	1,200	9/15	20¢/bx.	8/31	20¢/40# bx.(pick only)
Butte	9/3-9/22	1,600	9/15	$.90-1.00/hr. 25-30¢/50# bx. (knock & pick)	9/17	20¢/50#bx.(pick-up after mechanical shaker) 25-30¢/50# bx. (shake & pick) 30-35¢/50# bx. (pick from ladder)
Sutter	8/27-9/22	3,000	9/15	$.85-1.00/hr 25-30¢/box (knock & pick)	9/12	30¢/50# bx.(knock & pick) 25-28¢/50# bx. (pick only)

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABLE 2B

Apricot Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c (P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
West Riverside	7/9-8/4	2,500	7/21	25¢/box(picking) 40¢/45# box(cut)	7/13	25¢/45# box (picking from trees) 15¢-25¢/45# box (shake & pick)
San Benito	7/23-8/4	3,000	7/21	$.90-1.00/hr. 14-15¢/bucket (pick) 30¢/40# box(cut)	7/20	14-15¢/16 qt. bucket 28-30¢/40# box 75¢/hr.,plus 5¢/16 qt.bucket $1.00-1.25/hr.
Santa Clara	7/16-7/21	12,000	7/21	$1.00-1.25/hr. 15¢-17¢/16 qt. bucket 2-2½¢/lb. 60-80¢ hamper 30-40¢/gal.can	7/13	15-17¢/16 qt. bucket $1.00-1.25/hr. 30-35¢/40# box
Stanislaus	7/9-7/28	1,900	7/14	$1.00/hr. 25-30¢/50# box	-	-
Solano	6/25-7/7	1,900	7/14	$.85-1.00/hr 25-30¢/40#-50# box(cut)	-	$.85-1.00/hr.
Alameda	7/16-7/21	1,500	7/14	$.90-1.25/hr. (pick & dry) .14-18¢/16 qt. bucket	-	-

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for the purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABIE 2C

Cotton Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c(P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
Imperial	9/17-10/20	5,250	8/18	$2.50-3.00/100#	9/25	$2.50/100#
			12/22	$3.00/100#	12/8	$3.00/100#
Fresno	10/15-12/8	19,000	9/29	$2.50-3.00/100#	10/22	$3.00/100#
			12/15	$3.50-4.50/100#		
Madera	11/5-12/22	3,600	10/13	$3.00/100#	11/23	$3.25/100#
			12/22	$3.50-4.00/100#		
Kern	10/1-11/17	9,000	9/29	$2.50-3.00/100#	10/10	$3.00/100# (seed cotton)
			12/22	$3.00-3.50/100#		$3.50/100# (fringe picking, preparation for machine picking)
East Riverside	9-17/12-22	2,500	8/24	$2.50/100#	12/8	$3.00/100#
			12/22	$3.00/100#		
Kings	10/15-12/1	6,000	9/22	$2.75/100#	-	-
			12/22	$3.75/100#	-	-
Merced	10/22-12/22	2,000	10/6	$3.00/100#	-	-
			12/22	$3.50-4.00/100#		

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABLE 2D

Carrot Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE 881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c (P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rate
Imperial	3/26-4/28	1,700	4/14	8¢/12 bunches (pull-tie)	4/10	8¢/12 bunches
Santa Barbara	10/29-12/15	250	10/29	80-85¢ hr. (pull-tie-top) 15¢/sack (top)	6/15	15¢/sack (top)
Monterey	6/18-11/17	1,200	7/28	87½¢/hr. (pull-tie-top) 27¢/36 bunches (tie) 12¢/½ sack (top)	8/3 6/15	11¢/40# (pull-top) 12¢/45# (pull-top) 13¢/50# (pull-top) 27¢/3 dz. bunches (pull-tie) 12¢/½ sack (pull-top)
Los Angeles	10/1-1/19	400	12/22	80-90¢/hr. 11-14¢/60# box (top)	-	-
			1/21	75-85¢/hr. 11-13¢/60# stub (top) 8-12¢/12 bunches (tie)		
Riverside	12/12-4/14	340	1/21	75¢/hr. 10¢/12 bunches (tie) 12¢/sack (top)	-	-

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABIE 2E

Grape Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c(P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
East Riverside	6/18-7/7	2,000	7/7	$1.00/hr.	6/22	$1.00-1.20/hr. $1.00/hr.plus 20¢ bx.packed 45¢-53¢/bx.
San Bernardino (wine grapes)	9/24-10/20	2,500	9/29	$.90-1.00/hr 7-9¢/30-40# bx.	9/24	7¢/30# bx. 9¢/40# bx. 18¢/36# bx.(pick & pack) $1.00 hr.(pick & pack)
Sonoma (wine grapes)	10/8-10/27	1,300	10/13	$.85-1.00/hr. 18-25¢/bx.	10/16	20-25¢/50# bx. (Flatland vineyard) 20-25¢/50# bx. (Rolling Hill vineyard) 25¢/50# bx.(steep hill vineyard)
Napa (wine grapes)	10/1-10/20	1,600	10/13	18-20¢/50# bx.	10/9	18-20¢/50# bx. (Valley vineyard) 23¢/50# bx.(Hillside vineyard) 20-30¢/50# bx. (steep hillside vineyard)
Mendocino (wine grapes)	10/8-10/27	800	10/13	$.85-1.00/hr .20-25¢/bx.	10/16	16¢/35# bx. 20-22¢/50# bx.
San Joaquin	9/17-10/13	9,000	10/13	$1.00-1.25/hr. 25-28¢/bx. 5-14¢/50#bx.(wine)	10/5	$1.00-1.25/hr. 27-28¢/36#bx. (field pack juice grapes) 25¢/28# bx.(field pack Tokays) 7-8¢/25# Bucket (wine grapes) 10½-14¢/50# bx. (wine grapes)
Madera (raisin grapes)	8/27-9/15	3,400	9/8	95¢/hr. or 5½-6¢/tray	9/6	5½¢/22# tray
Fresno (wine)	9/3-10/13	5,000	9/8	$.90-1.00/hr. $7.50/gondola 10¢/50# bx.	9/16	10¢/50# field bx. $6.00/1½ ton gond. $8.00/2 ton gond.
(raisin)	8/27-9/29	24,000	9/8	5½-6¢/tray	9/11	5½-6¢/tray
(table)	8/27-10/13	4,000	9/8	$.90-1.00/hr	-	-

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the Calif.Dept. of Employment,Rpt.881A.
(b) Wage findings by the Dept. of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABLE 2F

Onion Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c (P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
Imperial	5/14-6/9	800	5/26	Dry onions: 20¢/50# sack	6/4	Dry onions: 20¢/55# stub potato sack (topping)
					6/26	20¢/55# stub potato sack (topping)
Los Angeles	6/18-10/6	400	6/23	Dry onions: 80-90¢/hr. 12-15¢/60-70# sk.	6/25	Dry onions (topping): 14-16¢/60# stub field sack 15¢/70# stub field sack 9¢/45# basket $3.50 per row of 550 ft.
	11/21-5/26	480	12/22	Green onions: 80-90¢/hr. 80-90¢/96 bunches tied		
					8/20	Dry onions (north L.A.): 12¢/50# field stub sack (topping)
Monterey	8/27-10/6	350	9/15	Dry onions: 87½¢/hr.	9/7	Dry onions: $.95-1.00/hr. 10¢/50# sack (hand topping) 15¢/50# sack (hand topping & root clipping)
Kern	5/21-7/14	500	6/23	Dry Onions: 90-95¢/hr. 16-18¢/55# stub sk.	6/25	16-18/50# sack
San Joaquin	6/4-6/23	1,000	6/23	Dry Onions: $.85-1.00/hr. 10¢/50# hamper	11/30	Dry Onions: 10¢/50# hamper (topping)

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABLE 2G

Potato Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c (P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
San Benito	10/22-11/24	200	10/27	$.90-1.00/hr. or 5¢/stub	10/25	$1.00/hr 5¢/stub
Kern	6/4-6/23	8,500	5/26	$.90-1.25/hr. 7-8¢/55# stub	5/25	7¢/55# stub 8¢/55# stub (Edison area)
Modoc (Tulelake)	10/8-10/27	1,000	10/20	$1.25-1.50/hr. 70¢/ton (swamp) $1.20/ton (haul)	-	-
Tulare	6/4-6/30	750	6/23	6-8¢/stub	-	-
San Joaquin	7/23-9/29	1,000	9/1	$.85-1.00/hr. 4½-5¢/½ sack	-	-
Santa Barbara	8/27-9/29	310	8/25	$.80-1.00/hr 6¢/stub	-	-
San Bernardino	7/16-7/28	2,000	7/28	$1.00/hr. 7¢/stub	-	-
West Riverside	7/9-8/4	1,400	7/28	Spring Harvest: $.85-1.00/hr 6¢/stub	-	-
	1/7-2/9	800	12/15	Fall Harvest: $1.00/hr. 6¢/stub	-	-

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABLE 2H

Tomato Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE3258c(P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
Santa Clara	9/17-10/20	2,800	9/29	13-15¢/50# box 2¢/50# box (Load)	9/24	14¢/50# box(high yield field) 15¢/50# box(low yield field)
					10/26	14-16¢/50# bx.
Monterey	9/24-11/3	1,500	9/15	87½¢/hr. 16¢/box (green) 14¢/box	9/17	14¢/50# bx.(first picking) 16¢/50# bx.(where green have been picked)
Alameda	9/17-10/20	1,500	10/13	14¢/box 2¢/box(load)	10/11	14¢/50# bx. (average yield) 16¢/50# box (lower yield)
Sacramento	9/3-10/13	4,000	10/13	11-17¢/50# bx.	10/2	Cannery picking: 11¢/50# bx.(first pick) 12-17¢/50# bx. (2nd pick)
Merced	8/6-9/1	2,600	8/25	Cannery Picking: 11-18¢/50# bx.	8/23	Cannery Picking: 11¢/50# bx.(first picking) 16-18¢/50# bx. (previously picked for greens)
					7/12	$.90-1.00/hr.
Fresno	7/2-8/11	1,600	8/4	$.90-1.00/hr.	8/29	12¢/40# box(first pick) 15¢/40# box(2nd pick)
Stanislaus	9/3-10/20	5,000	10/13	85-90¢/hr. 12-17¢/50# bx.	-	-
Yolo	9/10-10/13	8,000	9/15	11-13¢/bx. 1½-2¢/bx.(load)	9/12	11¢/bx.(1st pick) 1½-2¢/bx.(load)
San Joaquin	9/17-10/6	18,000	10/13	$.85-1.00/hr. 11-12¢/50# bx.	-	-
Imperial	7/9-8/4	1,000	8/4	Cannery picking: 70¢/hr.	-	-
San Diego	7/23-12/8	1,400	10/13	70-75¢/hr.	-	-
Ventura	9/17-10/27	2,800	10/13	80-85¢/hr.	-	-

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABLE 2I

Garlic Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE 881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE3258c(P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
Imperial	6/4-6/30	1,400	6/23	70¢/hr. 30¢/35# sack	6/21	30¢/40# hamper (white garlic) 37¢/40# hamper (red garlic)
San Benito	8/6-9/15	200	6/23	85-90¢/hr. 20-25¢/30# hamper	8/9	25¢/30# hamper (top)
Santa Clara	8/6-9/15	450	6/23	85¢/hr. 20-25¢/hamper	7/26	25¢/30# hamper (top)
					7/26	85-90¢/hr.(pull)

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.

TABLE 2J

Cherry Harvest Wage Rates
(1956)

	Peak Season		Wage Rates			
			DE 881A Series (Most Common)[a]		DE 3258c(P.L.78 Purposes)[b]	
County	Period	Workers Required	Week Ending	Rates	Effective Date	Rates
Santa Clara	5/28-6/28	4,700	6/9	$1.00-1.25/hr. 4-6¢/lb. 80-85¢/16 qt. bucket	6/6	$1.00-1.25/hr. 4-6¢/lb. 80-85¢/16 qt. bucket
					6/14	75-80¢/16 qt. bucket $1.00-1.25/hr.
Sonoma	6/11-6/30	800	6/23	$.85-1.00/hr.	6/21	$1.25-1.50/40# box depending on size of tree & yield
San Joaquin	5/28-6/9	6,000	6/9	$.90-1.00/hr. $.80-1.00/16 qt. bucket	6/4	$.80-1.00/hr. depending on size of tree & yield
Solano	5/21-6/2	500	5/26	85-90¢/hr. 4-4½¢/lb. 85¢/bucket	5/17	85-90¢/hr. 85¢/20# bucket 4-4½¢/lb.

(a) Most common wage rates, as reported by the California Department of Employment, Report 881A.

(b) Wage findings by the Department of Employment for purposes of the Mexican contract labor program, as recorded in form DE 3258c.